

Mont. 17-51-19
Poolesville Elementary Schools (Sites)
Poolesville Vicinity
Private

Late 19th century
1926

The Poolesville schools for black students were located at two sites: the first in the first floor of the Love and Charity Lodge Hall north of Poolesville, a handsome two story frame building, three bays in depth, and with its gable roof accented with a modest spire; the second was in a two room frame building constructed with funds raised by the communities and from the Rosenwald Fund. These were important centers of the communities.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Poolesville Schools (Sites 1 & 2)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

- 1) West side of Rt. 109 behind Elijah's Rest United Methodist Church
2) East side of Jerusalem Rd. at jct. with Jonesville Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC (2)☒ PRIVATE (1)☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

No

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☒ RELIGIOUS (1)☒ GOVERNMENT (2)

SCIENTIFIC

☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

- 1) Elijah's Rest Methodist Church
Beallsville Road

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER Poolesville, MD

CITY, TOWN

- 2) Montgomery County
Rockville, MD

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Liber #: 1) EBP 5/255

Folio #: 2) Property not
listed on County
Property Map

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The first school was that
impressive two story frame building, stood at the back of the present-day cemetery of the Elijah United Methodist Church. It served as both a school for the Black community and as a meeting hall for the Love and Charity Society, a sickness and burial organization. The first floor was used as the school and the second as the meeting hall. In the 1920's, another school was built at the junction of Jonesville and Jerusalem Road, replacing this one, according to oral informants in Jerusalem, Joe and Evelyn Harper. This is described as a two room school in the History of the Black Public Schools of Montgomery County, Maryland 1872-1961 by Nina Clarke and Lillian B. Brown. It opened in 1926.

Though the old Love and Charity building no longer stands, Joe and Evelyn Harper do have photographs of the school classes gathered in front of it, and from those pictures, a physical description of the building can be written.

The facade of the building was located in the gable end, and according to the Harpers, this was oriented to the east. The door was placed in the center bay, and there were two windows with two over two, double hung sashes in the first and third bays in the second floor. The cornices were boxed and had short returns. In the center of the gable facade near the peak was a circular window for decorative purposes. The peak of the roof was accented by a shingled cupola and spire. At the back of the roof can be seen a brick stove flue.

The building was three bays deep. The walls were highlighted by tall windows with double hung sashes containing nine over nine panes. These long windows, along with the cupola and spire, cause this building to resemble a church.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1) late 1800s 2) 1926

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

As Nina Clarke and Lillian E. Brown established in their study of Black public schools in Montgomery County, the County was highly unresponsive to the educational needs of Black communities. As a result, Black communities had to provide for themselves. One example of the county's neglect was the absence of a county-built school in this area for Black students with the result that Black students from the Poolesville area had to attend school in the Love and Charity Lodge Hall, one of the centers of the community in the late 19th century and first quarter of the 20th. In 1925 the citizens of Black communities in the environs of Poolesville and Sellman decided to consolidate their schools and obtain a new school building. To achieve this goal, they raised \$700.41 by their own efforts and purchased five acres of property at the junction of Jerusalem Road and Jonesville Road for the school. The Rosenwald Fund contributed the remainder of the money for the construction of the new frame school. The county provided none. See the xeroxed pages from The History of the Black Public Schools of Montgomery County, Maryland 1872-1961 for more detailed descriptions of the community's efforts to improve the education of their children.

Three photographs of Poolesville School were copied as part of this survey. The first was of the old school when it was located in the Love and Charity Lodge Hall behind the Elijah's Rest Methodist Church near Poolesville. It was dated 1909 in the History of the Black Public Schools of Montgomery County, Maryland, 1872-1961. The other two are of the consolidated Old Union and Poolesville elementary schools. Many of the students have been identified by Joe and Evelyn Harper, and lists of those students are given on the attached pages.

Photographs such as these are important for the history of the community and would make a significant photographic exhibit for local schools.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1) Land Records, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, MD
- 2) Oral interviews with Joe and Evelyn Harper, Jerusalem community, Sept.-Oct., 1978, by George McDaniel (not taped).
- 3) Clarke, Nina H. and Brown, Lillian B., History of the Black Public Schools of Montgomery County, Maryland 1872-1961, Vantage Press. CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY New York, 1978.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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Wesley Stubbs, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

Oct. 1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Box 87

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Dickerson

Maryland

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POOLESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

About 1930

M-17-51-19

FRONT ROW: L-R

1. Bernard Honemond
2. Ellis Johnson
3. Herman Cooper
4. Ernest Cooper
5. Joseph Jackson
6. Harry Robinson
7. George Hallman
8. Billy Hallman
9. Howard Johnson
10. Rebec a Scott
11. Gladys Turner
12. Elizabeth Johnson
13. Mary Alice Nolon (girl in front with checked dress)
14. Evangeline Payne (girl behind #13)
15. Vivian Copeland (girl in dark dress with dark stockings)
16. Mary Lena Jackson (girl behind #15)
17. Randolph Payne (young boy)
18. Teacher:

BACK ROW:

1. Worthington Jones
2. James Nolan
3. Joshua Hamilton
4. Kolhoss Hebron
5. George Owens

POOLESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

About 1930

M-17-51-19

KNEELING:

1. James Barnes
2. Clarence Owens
3. George Johnson

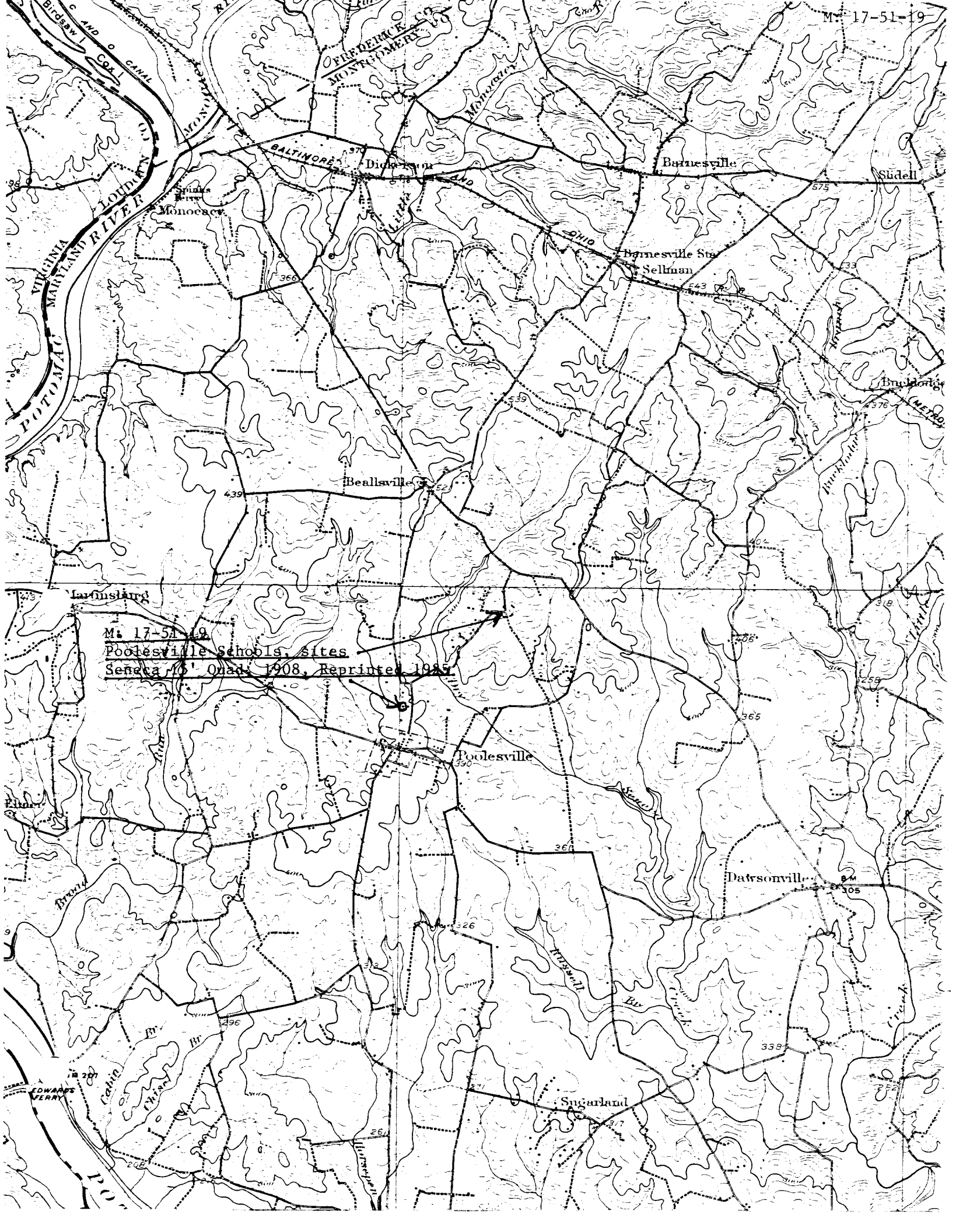
STANDING IN FRONT:

1. Elizabeth Genus
2. Preston Jones
3. Evelyn Barnes
4. Julius Lyles
5. Louise Coates
6. Marjorie Jones
7. Annie Moore
8. Elnora Bell
9. Evelyn Moore
10. Florine Lyles
11. Elizabeth Johnson
12. Margaret Coates
13. Margaret Johnson
14. Clifton Robertson
15. Rainstein Johnson
- 16.
17. Edward Palmer
18. Robert Johnson
19. Elsie Copeland
20. Ella McNeill(Teacher)

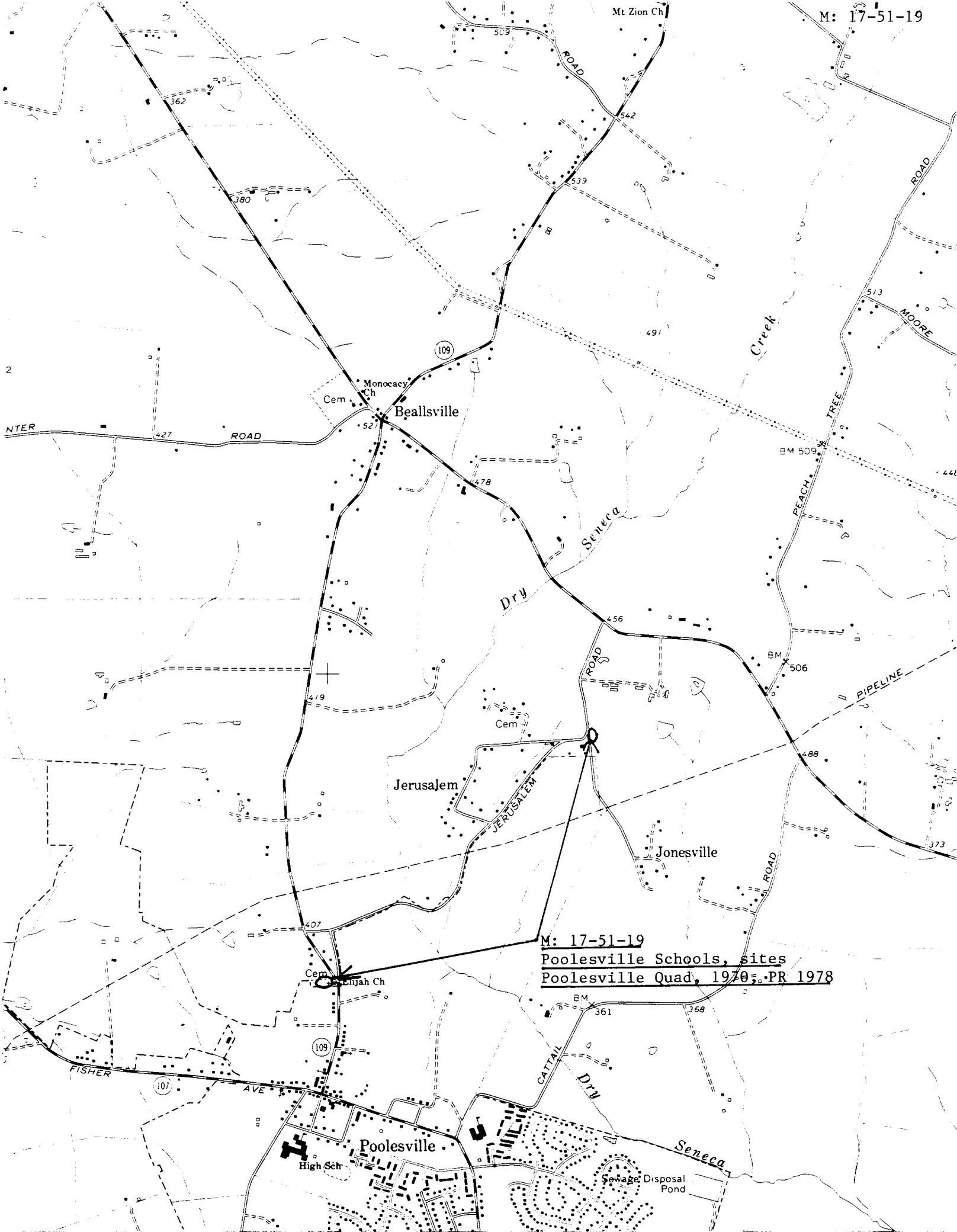
BACK ROW:

1. William Hallman
2. Adrian Copeland
3. Maxwell Honemond
4. Howard Lyles

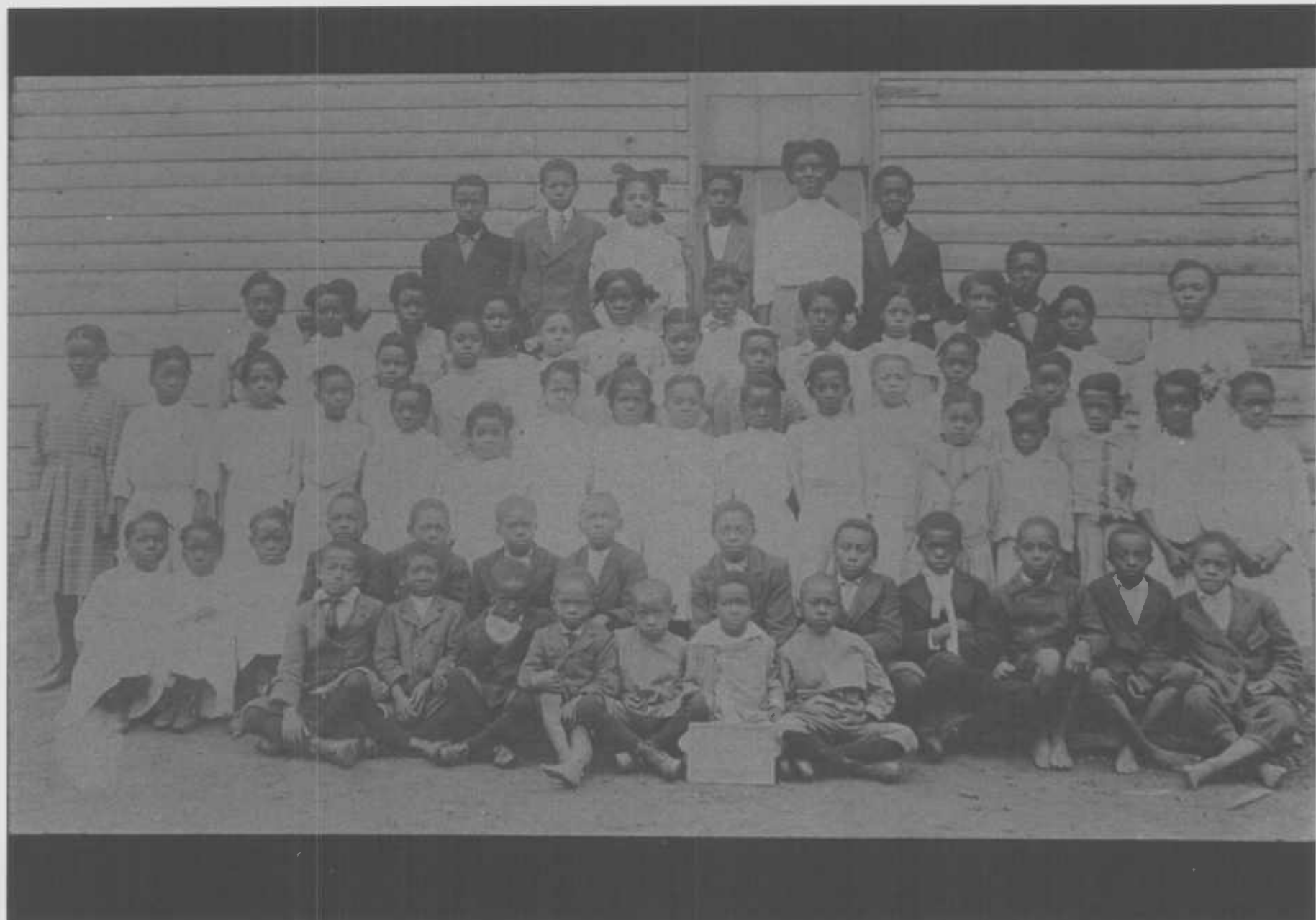




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Poolesville Schools, Sites
Seneca Co. Quad, 1908, Reprinted 1985



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Poolesville Schools, sites
Poolesville Quad, 1970, PR 1978



Poolesville School

c. 1912 Mont. Co.

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Poolesville

~~from~~

Anne Lewis

Original: Evelyn Harper, Jeausalem

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Poolsville School

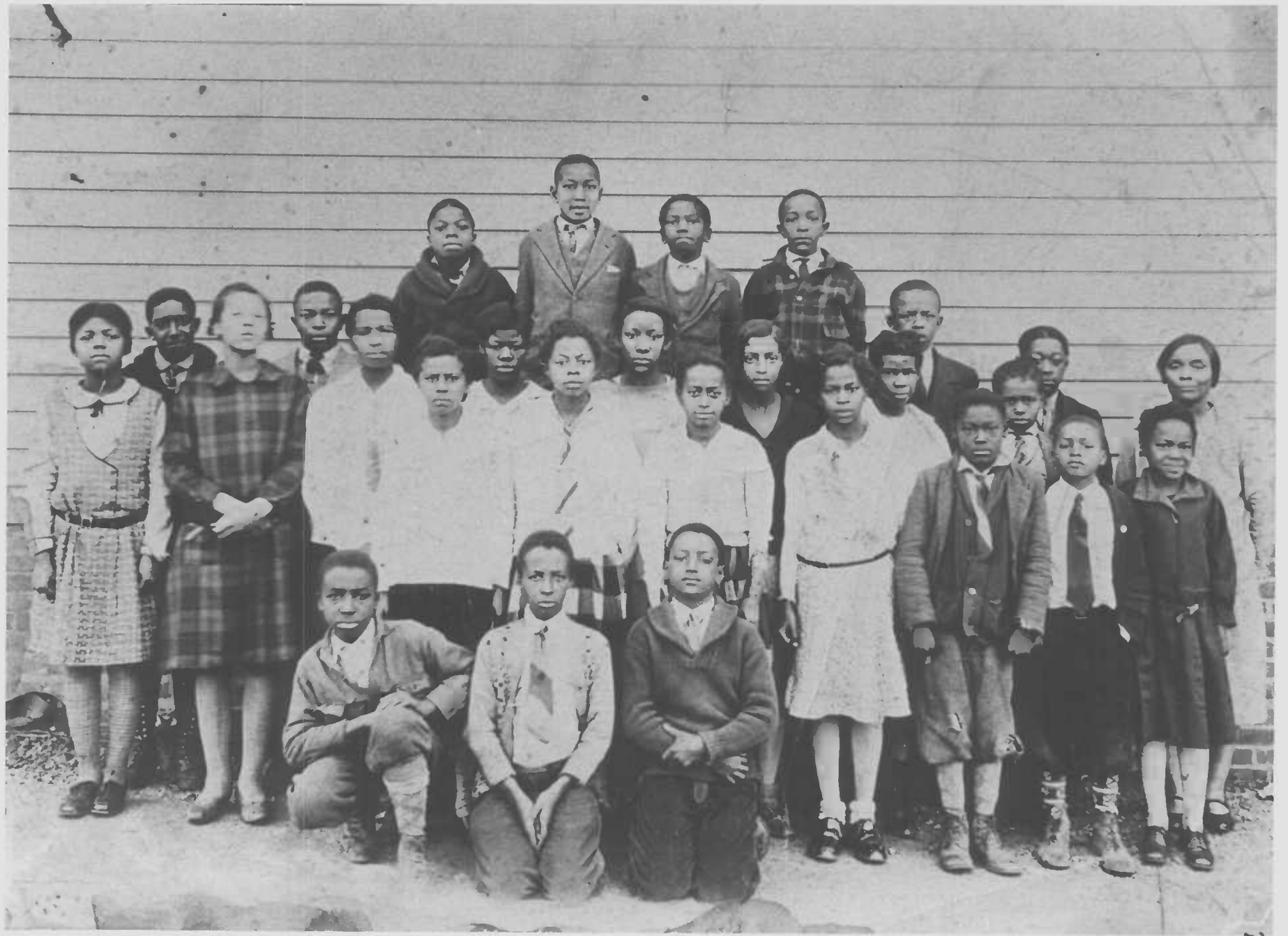
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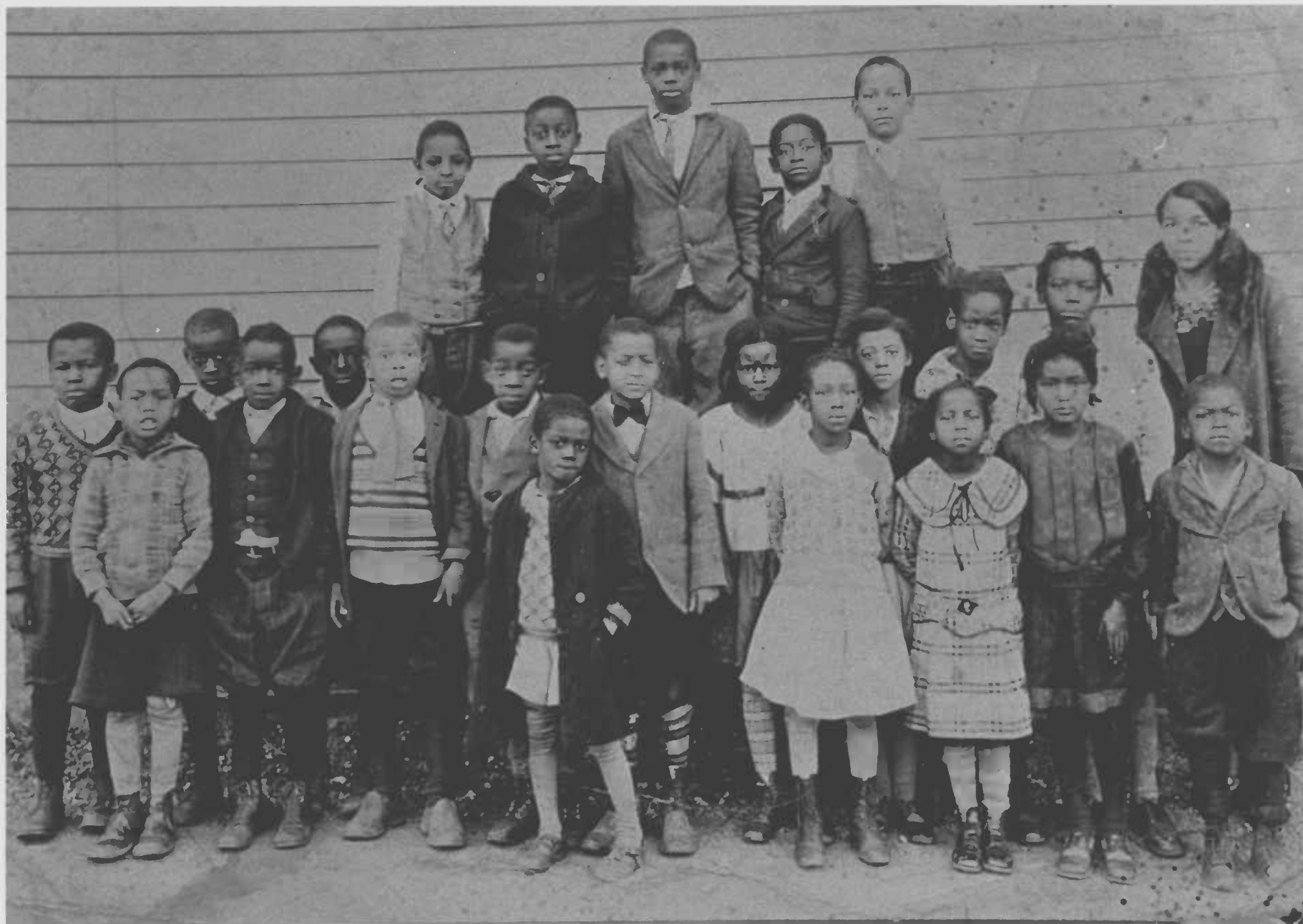
Poolsville

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Poolesville School, c.
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Jerusalem

10/78

Anne Lewis

original in possession,

Evelyn Roper, Jerusalem